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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF KENYAN DELEGATION

REF: A) NAIROBI 1174; B) NAIROBI 1570

1. DEPARTMENT EXPECTS TO RECEIVE HIGH LEVEL KENYAN DELEGATION IN LATTER HALF OF FEBRUARY TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN HORN AND KENYAN DEFENSE NEEDS. REFTEL A, WHICH CONTAINS BASIC BACKGROUND INFORMATION, IS BEING REPEATED TO YOU SEPTEL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SAME DELEGATION EXPECTED TO VISIT UK FOR SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS WITH HMG FOLLOWING VISIT TO WASHINGTON. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES CLOSE COORDINATION WITH FCO WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM FCO THAT USG HOPES TO USE VISIT
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TO:

-- CALM KENYAN FEARS OVER SOMALIA.

-- URGE MORE BALANCED KENYAN POSITION BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA.

-- INDICATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT GOK EFFORTS TO
IMPROVE THE LOT OF SOMALIS IN NORTHEAST PROVINCE AND
ASSIST GOK IN FINDING AREAS OF COOPERATION WITH SOMALIA.
-- EMPHASIZE DANGERS OF ENHANCED SOVIET POSITION IN HORN
FOR KENYA, PARTICULARLY SHOULD A TIME OF POLITICAL
TRANSITION OCCUR.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM FCO THAT FOR A VARIETY OF
REASONS, WE SHARE HMG'S VIEW THAT DELIVERY OF ADDITIONAL
SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY TO KENYA IN SHORT TERM WOULD NOT
BE PRODUCTIVE. HMG WILL APPRECIATE AND NO DOUBT SHARE
OUR VIEW, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN OUR INTERESTS
OR IN THE INTEREST OF A PEACEFUL KENYAN SUCCESSION FOR
SUCH SENIOR DELEGATION TO RETURN HOME AN APPARENT FAILURE.
YOU SHOULD SEEK FCO IDEAS ON HOW, SEPARATELY BUT IN
COORDINATED FASHION, WE BOTH MIGHT INDUCE GREATER SENSE
OF PERSPECTIVE IN KENYAN VIEWS OF THEIR SECURITY BUT,
AT THE SAME TIME, SEND MOI AND COMPANY HOME WITH
SOMETHING TO SHOW FOR THEIR EFFORTS.
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